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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before ~~line 1~~, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/04186 which has an International filing date of June 26, 2000, which designated the United States of America and was not published in English.--

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